Bills Committee on Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003

Summary of views raised by organizations on the Administration's proposed amendments to the plan-making system under the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003 (as at 16 February 2004)

Subject	Organization	Concerns/views
The Administration's proposals to revise plan-making to two-stage representation consideration process (LC Paper No. CB(1) 700/03-04(01))	HKIA HKIP APC TPB	Support
	LBAC (a non-	
	official member)	
	HKIS	Support but consider the proposals inadequate in encouraging public participation
	REDA	Conditional support, subject to agreement to contents and timing of Stage Two amendment
	CEx	Conditional support, subject to creation of a TPB with an independent chairman and secretariat and conferment on TPB with unrestraint power to consider roads
	AAP	Maintain that function and composition of TPB should be reviewed first before considering other details

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Exhibition of plans (a) To standardize publication of new plans, amendments to approved plans and amendments to draft plans for two months (Clauses 6 and 9(b)(i), Sections 5 and 7(2))	HKIA HKIS WWF APC TPB REDA	Support
Consideration of representations (b) To publish representations for three weeks for public comments (Clauses 7 and 8, Sections 6 and 6A)	WWF	Support
(c) TPB to hear representations and comments and may propose amendments to meet representations	APC	Consider it necessary to retain preliminary consideration of representations so that the preliminary view of TPB will be made available to representers and commenters before the hearing
	WWF	The public should have opportunity to respond during hearing
(d) To publish amendments proposed by TPB to meet representations for three weeks for objection by affected persons with landed interests other than the related "representers" and "commenters"	HKIS	Consider that the public should be allowed to give representations because land use should be distinguished from land ownership
(e) TPB to conduct further hearing of objections and the related representations and comments, and may retain, remove or vary its proposed amendments	REDA	Consider that only persons with landed interests should have a right to attend the second stage hearing

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(f) TPB to complete consideration of representations and submit draft plans with amendments, if any, to the Chief Executive in Council (CE in Council) within nine months after expiry of plan exhibition period (Clause 10, Section 8)	HKIA	Support
(g) To retain the existing maximum six-month extension period that may be granted by the Chief Executive for consideration of representations by TPB (Clause 10, Section 8)		
Power of CE in C upon submission of draft plan by TPB		
(h) To retain the existing power of CE in C concerning submission of draft plan by TPB, i.e. to approve, refuse to approve or refer the draft plan to TPB for further consideration and amendment (Clause 11, Section 9(1A))	HKIS WWF REDA APC	Support
		Support but propose a time limit be set for CE in C to consider submitted plans

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Appendix

Submissions from organizations

Organization	Reference		
Land and Building Advisory Committee (LBAC)	LC Paper No. CB(1)799/03-04(01)		
The Association of Architectural Practices Ltd. (AAP)	LC Paper No. CB(1)799/03-04(02)		
Advisory Council on The Environment (ACE)	LC Paper No. CB(1)799/03-04(03)		
The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA)	LC Paper No. CB(1)810/03-04(01)		
The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)	LC Paper No. CB(1)810/03-04(02)		
World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong (WWF)	LC Paper No. CB(1)810/03-04(03)		
The Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (HKIE)	LC Paper No. CB(1)839/03-04(01)		
The Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP)	LC Paper No. CB(1)839/03-04(02)		
Town Planning Board (TPB)	LC Paper No. CB(1)839/03-04(03)		
The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong (REDA)	LC Paper No. CB(1)877/03-04		
Civic Exchange (CEx)	LC Paper No. CB(1)892/03-04(01)		
The Association of Planning Consultants of Hong Kong (APC)	LC Paper No. CB(1)965/03-04(01)		